(*ii*) *re.—dispute over a place of prayer for Muslims in Aurad (B) Taluk, Gulbarga.*

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the grave situation that has arisen at Aurad (B) Taluk, Gulbarga in Chitapura Constituency due to a dispute over a place of prayer for Muslims.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).-I wish to make the following Statement.—

Aurad (B) is a village situated at a distance of about 10 K. Ms. from Gulbarga and has a population of 2,000 out of whom 150 are Harijans. In August, 1978 Panchayat elections were held and 2 groups, one led by Sri Hanumant Singh Rajput and the other led by Sri Amrutappa and others contested. Sri Hanumant Singh's group lost the election, since when the relations between the two groups has become strained.

The Muslims wanted to use Panchayat land for their prayer on Bakrid (12-11-78) but the Panchayat did not give permission. Thereafter, the Muslims gave a representation to the Chairman of the Village Panchayat to grant permission for the construction of Idiga on the said land. But the Panchayat did not agree for the reason that the land has already been granted for construction of Bala Mandir and Taruna Basweswar Sangh building and playground. Also, the land is situated adjacent to Ramalinga temple and, therefore, the Panchayat advised Muslims to select some other land but the Muslims did not agree. Though the local leaders including MP and MLA and local officers advised the Muslims to act as per law, yet on 26-11-1978 they occupied the land in question as also 2Balamandir rooms located in the same area. As the situation became tense, proceedings were initiated under Section 107 of Cr. P . on the complaint of the Chairman of the village panchayat that the Muslims had occupied panchayat land illegally and caused damage to the foundation stone, a case in Crime No. 227/78 under Sections 447, 448, 427 IPS was registered and a chargesheet has been filed on 29-12-1978.

On 1-1-1979 one Keshavarao Kulkarni and Sharanappa, a harijan partymen of Hanmansingh's group went to a private well of Shri Amruthappa and Sharanappa is alleged to have snatched a pot and rope from the hands of one Sharadamma. It happened that the leg of Shri Sharanappa touched the foot of Sharadamma. This resulted in a clash between the partymen of Keshavarao and Amruthappa resulting in damage to Kirani Shops and one hut. A case in Crime No. 107/79 was registered and the case has been charge-sheeted.

Thereafter Shri Hanumanth Singh lodged a complaint on behalf of Sharanappa alleging that Siddappa and others showed discrimination against Shri Sharanappa who is a harijan. A clash ensued between the 2 parties and a case was registered and a chargesheet has been filed on 17-1-79. The case is pending trial.

In another case one Surathanna, a harijan has complained that on 1-1-79 he was prevented from drawing water from a well by the partymen belonging to Amruthappa and he was assaulted. A case in crime No. 3/79 has been registered and a charge-sheet has been filed on 17-1-79.

No Harijan hut was burnt on 1-1-79. Police picket has been stationed at the village and the situation is reported to be peaceful now.

The Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga, has been asked to bring a compromise between the 2 parties.

2-00 P.M.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.- The situation that has arisen is now compels me to make it clear. That at the instance of the people there, the Muslims, Harijans, Lingayats all joined together, they are of the opinion that a place should be given to the Muslims for prayers. There is absolutely no contention between these two sections there. At the instance of these communities, an M. P., MLA, Dy. S. P. and BDO went to that place and about 95% of the people were of the opinion to settle this matter and give some portion of the land to the Muslims for prayer. There after only two or three persons took objection and they created a bad situation. The Police Officer who was stationed there could have tackled this problem in a nice manner but on the contrary he has created a bad situation in this village and that has created tension in the village. He has taken 28 persons into custody. One of the perons by name Swamy, a Mattadhipati, did not take a drop of water in the jail for seven days ; two boys were kept in remand for 9 days. A teacher was arrested on 17.1.79 on the allegation that he was involved in the incident and he has been kept under suspension. One Hanumanthappa, a peon in the school is also prevented from attending to his work in the school. About 36 persons are required to go to Gulbarga to give attendance. The Harijans of this village are prevented for eking out their livelihood. They are thus going out of the village in search of work. A flour mill is stopped with a view to stop milling of foodgrains. For all this trouble some vested interests are behind this trouble and they are causing harrassment to these poor people. I had requested the D.C. and the S.P. to visit the village and settle the matter and to normalcy in the village.

MR. SPEAKER.– The hon. member is permitted to seek one or two clarifications but he cannot make a statement.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.– I want some relief to be given to these poor people.

SRI D.DEVARAJ URS.— Sir, I am directing both the D. C. and the S. P. to Visit this village and settle the question. I am also asking them to take the concerned M. L. A. with them if he is willing to go there. According to my report one M. P. and a MLA had gone there with a view to bring about compromise. The V. P. C. Chairman appears to be not in a mood to listen. If according to the member 99 percent of the villagers are willing for this land to be given, there is no difficulty. The D. C. can over-rule and give the land to them.

(iii) re : Kidnapping of a Harijan candidate for Gondi Chatnalli V. P. Chairman on 3-1-1979.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶಿರ್ಶಾಳಿ ಚಿಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ (ಹೊಸನಗರ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಗೊಂಡಿಚಟ್ನಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಸಿದ್ದ ಹರಿಜನ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಯೊಬ್ಬರನ್ನು ೩ನೇ ಜನವರಿ ೧೯೭೯ ರಂದು ಅಪಹರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಬಚ್ಚಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಚೇರ್ಮನ್ ಆಗುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಹೋಯಿತು. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI D.DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister) Sir I wish to make the following Statement.

On 4th January, 1979 at 11.45 hours, one Sannappa, S/o Basappa of Tavare Chantinahalli came to Shimoga rural police Station and presented a written complaint to the effect that on 3rd January, 1979 at 10.00 a.m. while he was returning after filing nomination for the Election of Village Panchayat Vice- Chairmanship of Gondichattanahalli, he was called by Sri Ikkeri Ningappa, Chairman, Regulated Market Committee and Veerabhadrappa who were seated in a car No. MEX 2469 near the House of Kumbar Nanjappa of Gondichattanahalli on the protext of having some important discussion. He went along with them in the said car to the house of Ikkeri Ningappa at Shimoga. In the mean while, one Siddappa joined Ikkeri Ningappa in his house. On his questioning, Ikkeri Ningappa told him that there is a Village Panchayat election that day and that he should remain with them till late night. In spite of his protext, he was taken to Mandagadde village in Car No. MEX 2469 forcibly and he was forced to remain there till 10.00. p.m. and then he was released at Shimoga. In this connection a case in Cr. No. 2/79 under Section 241, 342 R/W 34 IPC has been registered and accused (1) Ikkeri Ningappa. (2) Veerabhadrappa and (3) Ruddrayya were arrested on 7th January, 1979 at 1.30 p.m. and